

EXHIBIT 27



February 26, 2003

To: Third Party Journals

NOTICE OF PRICE ADJUSTMENT

Effective February 26, 2003, at 5:00 P. M. Eastern Standard Time, certain products in the Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation product line had price adjustments. The revised prices are attached.

NDC Number	Product Description	AWP* Price	Wholesaler Price
0078-0176-05	LESCOL [®] capsules 20mg 100's	\$177.78	\$148.15
0078-0176-15	LESCOL [®] capsules 20mg 30's	\$53.42	\$44.52
0078-0234-05	LESCOL [®] capsules 40mg 100's	\$177.78	\$148.15
0078-0234-15	LESCOL [®] capsules 40mg 30's	\$53.42	\$44.52
0078-0354-15	LESCOL [®] XL tablets 80mg 30's	\$68.43	\$57.02
0078-0354-05	LESCOL [®] XL tablets 80mg 100's	\$228.07	\$190.06

*As used in the attached Price List, the term "AWP" or "Average Wholesale Price" constitutes a reference for each Novartis product, set as a percentage above the price for which each product is offered generally to wholesalers. Notwithstanding, the inclusion of the term "price" in "Average Wholesale Price", AWP is not intended to be a "price" charged by Novartis for any product to any customer.

Please use the attached information to update your records.

If you have any questions, please contact Diane Staub at 1-(862) 778-7726.

Thank you for your continued support of Novartis Pharmaceuticals.

Sincerely,

Michael Conley
Executive Director,
Customer Service and Corporate Accounts

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